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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
ART UNIT 2177

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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
RYO FUJIMOTO ET AL. )  
Application No.: 09/458,689 )  
Filed: December 10, 1999 )  
For: IMAGE MANAGING APPARATUS )  
AND METHOD, IMAGE RETRIEVING )  
APPARATUS AND METHOD, AND )  
STORAGE MEDIUM )  
Examiner: S.R. Pannala  
Art Unit: 2177  
April 16, 2003

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Commissioner for Patents  
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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION  
AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Applicants petition to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated December 18, 2002, to and including April 18, 2003. A check in the amount of \$110.00 for payment of the extension fee is enclosed. Please charge any additional fee required for the extension, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account 06-1205.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the above-identified application as follows: